

be, for the power for good of a united profession of medicine cannot be overestimated. Our own State Society has, within a year, quadrupled its membership; within the next year we should at least double our present membership.

For twenty-two years has been waged a foolish war among medical men, over the "Code of Ethics" of the American Medical Association. Almost every year has seen some attempt to modify that monstrous document, but with little or no result. The profession in New York has been split into two factions for years, and envy, hatred and malice have been allowed to grow and flourish there, about the silly questions of "Code" or "No Code." The New Orleans meeting of the Association saw the death and burial of this old "Code," and the ceremonies attendant were joyous. The general committee which had the matter in charge presented a beautifully innocuous document "of a purely advisory nature," in which is set forth the "principles of medical ethics approved by the American Medical Association." Now let New York and every other State in the Union go ahead with the good work of organization until every reputable practitioner of medicine is a member of his local, State and national association.

Once more the JOURNAL appeals to each and every member of the State Society for proper aid and assistance. We want to know and to publish the doings and the transactions of every County Medical Society in the State. But the Publication Committee is not ubiquitous; it can not attend all County Society meetings, nor can the editor distribute himself about the State for that purpose, much as he should like to do so. It therefore becomes the plain duty for each member of the Society to help by either sending such news to the JOURNAL himself, or see to it that someone in his County Society does forward the news desired. In this connection, Secretaries of County Societies particularly, and members generally, are requested to send in notices of the marriage of any member, and also a brief biography with the notice of the death of a member.

A better way should be devised than suspension of members who neglect to pay dues. Several secretaries of County Societies complain that their lists of members are growing less through this carelessness on the part of delinquents, for it stands to reason that societies cannot carry in full membership those who do not contribute toward the expenses. One

is apt to say that if people won't pay up they should get out; but the truth is that in almost every instance of delinquency it happens more through forgetfulness and procrastination than through any intention to shirk payment. Dropping from county societies carries with it dropping from the State Society and deprives the offender of the publications of the Society. If the JOURNAL is not being received regularly, or if you fail to get a copy of the Register when it comes out, it might be a good idea to have a little interview with the secretary of your County Society concerning your back dues. That matter being satisfactorily arranged, it will be found that the receipt of the Society's publications will be resumed with magical promptness.

The Santa Barbara meeting of the State Society was noteworthy for many reasons and in many ways. It was the first meeting under the new plan, whereby all the business of the Society is transacted by a house of delegates composed of members duly elected by the affiliated county societies, and it demonstrated the wisdom of this plan beyond all question. Every county society was represented in the house of delegates, and as the vote of the house on almost every measure was practically, if not actually, unanimous, the fact is manifest that the measures adopted are approved, not by a group of men representing a small portion of the State, but by the physicians of every part of the State. The keen interest taken in the affairs of the Society by each and every delegate, is fairly strong evidence of the fact that the State Society is actually representative of the profession of the whole State, and that its interests are taken to heart by every County Society. No one need have the slightest anxiety as to the future of the State Society, now that it is in the actual control of the profession of the whole State.

An exceedingly gratifying feature of the last meeting of the State Society was the high tone of so very many of the papers read and the ensuing discussions. Not within the last ten years at least, have the discussions been so extensive or so general, and probably few if any members in attendance left Santa Barbara without feeling a certain amount of personal gain; without realizing that he had learned enough of other men's ideas or view-points to make the trip well worth his while. The removal of all questions of business or politics from the general meetings greatly helped this feature of the meeting and was certainly regarded as a blessed relief by very many. That the Society may be very large and still lose nothing

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